PART 51

USE OF GOVERNMENT SOURCES BY CONTRACTORS

- Nonprofit agencies for the blind or severely disabled may use Government supply sources in performing contracts under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act, if:
 - The nonprofit agency requesting use of the supplies and services is providing a commodity or service to the Federal Government, and
 - The supplies or services received are directly used in making or providing a commodity or service approved by the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled to the Federal Government (FAC 90-31).

51.101 Policy.

FAR as of FAC 90-25

- (a) If it is in the Government's interest, and if supplies or services required in the performance of a Government contract are available from Government
- Government contract are available from Government supply sources, contracting officers may authorize contractors to use these sources in performing—
- (1) Government cost-reimbursement contracts;
- (2) Other types of negotiated contracts when the agency determines that a substantial dollar portion of the contractor's contracts are of a Government cost-reimbursement nature...

FAR as revised

- (a) If it is in the Government's interest, and if supplies or services required in the performance of a Government contract are available from Government supply sources, contracting officers may authorize contractors to use these sources in performing—
 - (1) Government cost-reimbursement contracts;
- (2) Other types of negotiated contracts when the agency determines that a substantial dollar portion of the contractor's contracts are of a Government costreimbursement nature; **or**
- (3) A contract under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46 et seq.) if:
- (i) the nonprofit agency requesting use of the supplies and services is providing a commodity or service to the Federal Government, and
- (ii) the supplies or services received are directly used in making or providing a commodity or service approved by the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled to the Federal Government (See Subpart 8.7)..

51.102 Authorization to use Government supply sources

- (a) Before issuing an authorization to a contractor to use Government supply sources, the contracting officer shall place in the contract file a written finding supporting issuance of the authorization. The determination shall be based on, but not limited to, considerations of the following factors:
- (1) The administrative cost of placing orders with Government supply sources and the program impact of delay factors, if any.
- (2) The lower cost of items available through Government supply sources.
- (3) Suitability of items available through Government supply sources.
 - (4) Delivery factors such as cost and time.
 - (5) Recommendations of the contractor.

- (a) Before issuing an authorization to a contractor to use Government supply sources, the contracting officer shall place in the contract file a written finding supporting issuance of the authorization. **Except for findings under 51.101(a)(3)**, the determination shall be based on, but not limited to, considerations of the following factors:
- (1) The administrative cost of placing orders with Government supply sources and the program impact of delay factors, if any.
- (2) The lower cost of items available through Government supply sources.
- (3) Suitability of items available through Government supply sources.
 - (4) Delivery factors such as cost and time.
 - (5) Recommendations of the contractor.